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**Subject:** Re: Oil industry outreach meetings

Let me know what support you need from me and i will be there.

Bill

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On Jun 27, 2016, at 6:17 PM, Montgomery, Michael <[Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks all,  
Just wanted to let you know that the proposal is to have two sessions in order to keep the meetings smaller and less formal 10-11 and 11:30-12:30. Given this shorter format I would like to prioritize dialogue re the AE effort. I would also like to keep our opening remarks brief. Thanks again for your flexibility. I apologize that we may have to cover some material twice.  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 27, 2016, at 12:51 PM, "Harris, Ken@DOC" <[Ken.Harris@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:Ken.Harris@conservation.ca.gov)> wrote:

There are lots of changes afoot p. wst etc. my preference is you stay general with out species or commitments.

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On Jun 27, 2016, at 12:35 PM, Bartling, Bill@DOC  
<[Bill.Bartling@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:Bill.Bartling@conservation.ca.gov)> wrote:

David,

This sounds fine for aquifer exemptions. I can bring the DOGGR timeline for initial delivery to State Water Boards for framing.

Unless Rock was specific about talking only about aquifer exemption, I suspect that they will also have interest in other multi-agency processes such as UIC, well stim, project by project reviews and our interface to the Kern County CEQA process. I realize that US EPA may not have a role in some of these. I would anticipate questions on process, timelines, cooperation and handoffs and contingencies for schedule disruptions if there are any of either (contingencies and schedule disruptions that is).

I would not list these topics in the statement of purpose but leave the agenda open to other topics, and we should be prepared to answer questions if it comes up.

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On Jun 27, 2016, at 9:06 AM, Albright, David <[Albright.David@epa.gov](mailto:Albright.David@epa.gov)> wrote:

Rock Zierman (CIPA) had asked us to send him a brief statement of the purpose of the industry outreach meetings we've discussed, now tentatively scheduled for the morning of July 7<sup>th</sup> in Bakersfield. Below is a brief statement of purpose that we are planning to send to Rock later today. WSPA has also expressed an interest in being involved, so we are going to send this to Bob Poole of WSPA as well. Please let me know if you have any suggestions/concerns with the proposed language. Thanks, David

**Outreach meetings with USEPA, CA DOGGR, and CA State Board**

Representatives of the three agencies will participate in informal discussions about aquifer exemptions in CA with oil/gas industry personnel. The

sessions will provide an opportunity for the agencies to answer questions about the aquifer exemption process, discuss roles and responsibilities of the state/federal agencies, and clarify upcoming regulatory deadlines. It will also provide an opportunity for the agencies to hear from the industry about their perspectives, specific concerns, and any suggestions for improvements to the current aquifer exemption review process.

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